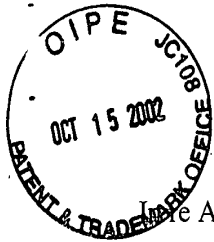


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Re Application of:

HIDEKAZU SHIMOMURA et al.

Application No.: 09/922,643

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For: IMAGE SENSING DEVICE
AND IMAGE FORMING
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002 for one month from September 5, 2002 to Monday, October 7, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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